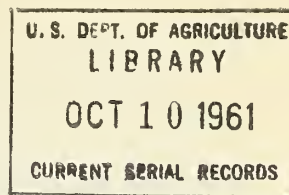


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INTRODUCTION

Samples of the standard varieties and many of the new strains of hard red spring wheats grown in cooperative experiments in the spring wheat region of the United States ^{3/} are milled each year by the United States Department of Agriculture and flours baked into bread to determine their quality characteristics.

The baking methods and techniques used on the 1958 crop were essentially the same as those used in similar work for the 1944 to 1957 crops, inclusive.

The purpose of this report is to make available to cooperators the quality data on standard varieties, new strains, and commercial hard red spring wheat from the 1958 crop.

SOURCE OF SAMPLES

Tests were made on composite and individual samples of the uniform varieties and many other varieties and strains grown in plot experiments at cooperating stations. These included samples grown at Madison, Wis.; Morris, Rosemount, Waseca, and Crookston, Minn.; Edgeley, Fargo, Williston, Langdon, Dickinson, and Minot, N. Dak.; Havre, Moccasin, and Sidney, Mont. Similar tests were made on Eastern and Western composites of the 24 strains of wheat grown in the uniform regional nurseries and on the wheats from the station nurseries in Wisconsin and Montana.

There were also included 25 samples composited from samples of carlot receipts of wheat accumulated during a 90-day period of the 1958 crop movement by the Denver, Minneapolis, Duluth, and Great Falls offices of the Grain Division, Agricultural Marketing Service. These samples represent country-run receipts of the class hard red spring wheat and included only those lots that were graded No. 4 or better under the Official Grain Standards of the United States. These hereafter are referred to as commercial samples. This is the twentieth season that such samples have been collected and tested.

METHODS USED IN THE CHEMICAL, MILLING, AND BAKING TESTS

For the benefit of the readers who are not familiar with the tests and terminology used in this report, the following terms are explained:

Test weight per bushel was the weight per Winchester bushel and was determined in the laboratory on dockage-free wheat.

^{3/} Ausemus, E. R. Results on spring wheat varieties grown in cooperative plot and nursery experiments in the spring wheat region in 1958. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Crops Research Division, CR-5-59, 77 pp. University Farm, St. Paul, Minn. (Processed). January 1959.

Flour yield is the percentage of flour derived from the wheat milled on a Buhler automatic laboratory mill. Ten percent of the low grade flour was discarded, leaving a 90-percent patent flour which was used for the chemical and bread-baking tests. However, the flour yield data in the tables are reported on the basis of a straight grade flour (100 percent) obtained from each sample. Yields are expressed on a moisture-free basis.

Pearling index - The hardness of the grain was determined by pearling 20 grams of dockage-free whole wheat for 1 minute in a model No. 38 Strong-Scott pearler. The amount of material pearled off, expressed as a percentage of the wheat, is called the pearling index. This index has been found useful, not only as a guide in tempering the samples for milling, but also as a measure of the hardness of the grain. A low index figure indicates hard grain and a high index figure indicates soft grain.

Protein content was determined by the standard Kjeldahl procedure using the factor 5.7 to convert nitrogen to protein content. Values are reported on a 14.0 percent moisture basis.

Ash content of flour is a well-recognized but not precise measure of flour refinement. Some strains and varieties of wheat produce flour with low or high ash which appears to be an inherent property of the wheat. Ash content is expressed on a 14.0 percent moisture basis.

Sedimentation value (wheat) was determined by the method described in Cereal Laboratory Methods, Sixth Edition (1957). The sedimentation value is a combined index of gluten content and gluten quality and is, therefore, a rough measure of bread-baking strength. High sedimentation values are normally associated with superior bread-baking strength. Specific sedimentation is the milliliters of sedimentation per gram of protein. The sedimentation value is divided by the flour protein content (both on 14 percent moisture basis).

Mixing time is the optimum time necessary to obtain a dough of maximum consistency in the bread-making process.

Water absorption refers to the optimum amount of water required to bring the dough to the desired standard consistency.

The mixogram curves made for many of the samples provide information on the dough-mixing properties of the flour milled from the strains and varieties. The results of these tests are reported in the tables under the headings of (1) development time and (2) mixing tolerance. The development time is the period required in minutes for a dough to reach the peak or maximum development, or the time needed to develop the dough properly for the best bread. A very rapid curve rise to the peak showing a short development time, and a quick decrease in curve height following the peak, denote a lack of dough stability during mixing. Mixing tolerance is the time in minutes the dough maintains its resistance to mixing with little decline in the height of the mixing curve or pattern. In general, a gradual curve rise with a slow decline (shown as mixing tolerance in the tables) in the curve after reaching the peak indicates a dough of good stability during mixing. The results of the mixogram patterns or curves have been studied, and their significance as relating to the strain or variety is discussed in the text.

The bread-baking tests were made by a formula using 100 grams of flour, 2.0 grams of compressed yeast, 2.0 grams of salt, 5.0 grams of sugar, 0.25 grams of malted wheat flour, 3.0 grams of shortening, 4.0 grams of nonfat-dry milk and varying amounts (0 to 3 mg.) of potassium bromate. The doughs were fermented for 3 hours at 86° F. (30° C.), proofed for 55 minutes at 86° F. (30° C.), and then baked for 25 minutes at 440° F. Loaf-volume data are presented only for those loaves containing that amount of potassium bromate that produced maximum loaf volumes. In most instances the loaf having the greatest volume also had the best grain, texture, and crumb color.

Bread loaf volume must be adequate for the protein content of the flour if the variety is to be considered satisfactory. The loaf volumes are shown in the tables on an "as is" protein basis and, in addition, on an expected loaf volume basis. The expected loaf volume based on flour protein content is the loaf volume obtained from baking experiments in which the flour from 589 samples of 10 hard red spring wheat varieties was tested for the crop years 1944 to 1947. Higher "as is loaf volumes" are generally associated with superior bread-baking strength.

A check or standard flour (12.5 percent protein and 0.47 percent ash on a 14.0 percent moisture basis) was included in the baking trials with each day's test. The average loaf volume of the bread-baking tests made with the standard flour was 834 cc. and the standard error 25.1 cc. On this basis the least significant difference between 2 single bakes is 70 cc.

The quality properties of each variety with respect to crumb grain and color of the bread are shown numerically in the tables. The following scores may be used as an index for judging these two properties:

59 or below	Very poor or unsatisfactory
60 to 69	Poor or questionable
70 to 79	Fair
80 to 89	Good
90 to 99	Very good
100 and above	Excellent

Varieties or selections having loaf volumes approximately 125 cc. less than expected, as based on the flour protein content, are questionable; and those having loaf volumes less by approximately 200 cc. or more are unsatisfactory.

An unsatisfactory rating on one or more of the properties would indicate that the variety or strain is generally undesirable for hard wheat milling or bread-making purposes except that a questionable rating on one or more of the quality properties may be balanced by other outstanding properties. The milling properties are discussed in the text and should be considered along with the bread-baking properties.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Station Plot Experiments

The quality data for the uniform varieties and other wheats grown in plots are shown in table I.

Wisconsin - Wheat samples were received only from Madison.

The varieties and strains have made with one or two exceptions generally satisfactory bread considering the protein content of the wheats. The protein content was low (less than 11.0 percent in the wheat) for a number of the samples. The flour yields were exceptionally high in relation to the test weight per bushel of the grain.

Conley was best among the uniform varieties in quality, considering the data as a whole. Selkirk and Henry were highest of the group in flour yield. Russell was lowest in loaf volume and Henry had the shortest dough-mixing time of the uniform varieties. The dough-mixing properties of Thatcher, Lee, and Conley were strong and elastic.

The dough-mixing properties of Overby's selection were unsatisfactory. The dough-mixing time was short and the dough properties were weak and not as strong as the approved hard red spring wheats. It was one of the lowest in water absorption and similar to Henry for this quality factor. Strain H441B-15-2-2-4 (C.I. 13407) made a better showing quality-wise than the sister selection H441B-15-2-2-3 (C.I. 13406), but the differences between them were not very great. The only questionable property of these two strains was their medium high flour ash content. Both were higher in this respect than the comparably grown Lee and Conley. These results are similar to those for the same strains tested in 1957. C.I. 13407 had the longest dough-mixing time of the two and was slightly the better of the strains in loaf volume. The dough-handling properties of both strains were moderately strong and elastic and milled satisfactorily.

Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345) was generally similar to Lee in most quality properties. It was, however, a slightly stronger wheat than Lee in gluten properties considering the flour protein and the loaf volume of the bread. Both made bread of about the same loaf volume, although Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer was 1.3 percent lower in flour protein content than Lee. Strain H305-2 milled satisfactorily, producing a high yield of flour and the dough handling properties were moderately strong and elastic. The loaf volume of the bread was high considering the flour protein content and the grain of the bread was very good.

Minnesota - Samples were received from four Minnesota station, Crookston, Morris, Rosemount, and Waseca. The quality results are discussed to a large extent on a consideration of the data as a whole. The only exception to this is where some variety or strain has shown a particular quality property that should be specifically pointed out.

Table 1.--Yield, milling, baking, and chemical results for hard red spring wheats grown in replicated plots in 1958.

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index Pct.	Protein		Flour Yield		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.		Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sedi- men- tation ml.	Optimum baking method				Ex- pected loaf volume cc.	Quality of dough from mixogram tests	
				Wheat Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Ash Pct.	Pct.	Pct.			Bro- mate	Loaf volume cc.	Color	Crumb Score		Development time Min.	Mixing tolerance Min.
Madison, Wisconsin																		
Henry	12265	60.5	32	10.9	9.7	77.5	.52	57	1.50	3.1	2	710	75	85	690			
Thatcher	10003	60.9	24	12.2	11.2	73.9	.58	60	2.25	3.5	1	735	80	85	765			
Lee	12488	61.7	28	13.5	12.2	74.1	.54	58	2.00	4.1	1	743	85	85	815			
Selkirk	13100	60.3	28	12.1	11.4	77.4	.57	61	2.25	3.7	2	770	80	90	775			
Russell	12484	61.1	27	11.7	10.5	75.6	.50	60	2.50	4.3	2	695	75	85	730			
Conley	13157	61.3	27	12.8	11.8	75.5	.52	64	2.75	4.3	2	728	85	85	795			
H305-2		61.9	28	11.3	10.2	76.6	.51	60	2.00	3.7	2	768	80	90	715			
H441B-15-2-2-3	13406	61.1	28	11.7	10.8	73.7	.57	60	2.00	3.0	2	695	75	80	745			
H441B-15-2-2-4	13407	61.4	29	12.0	11.0	73.9	.59	60	2.25	3.2	2	733	80	80	755			
Thatcher x Ken. Farm.	13345	61.2	24	11.8	10.9	74.1	.55	61	2.00	3.6	1	713	80	85	750			
Overby	13346	62.4	30	12.2	11.3	75.2	.56	57	1.75	4.0	2	763	85	85	770			
Crookston, Minnesota																		
Thatcher	10003	61.2	26	11.6	10.8	70.9	.48	58	2.00	4.4	1	723	75	80	745	4.25	5.25	
Lee	12488	61.1	30	12.7	12.0	69.0	.50	60	2.00	4.7	1	748	85	90	805	3.25	2.75	
Selkirk	13100	60.2	31	11.2	10.8	74.3	.50	60	2.25	3.9	1	728	85	85	745	2.75	3.00	
Conley	13157	60.2	29	12.0	11.1	72.1	.47	62	2.50	4.3	2	760	80	80	760	3.50	2.25	
Russell	12484	61.7	30	11.1	10.2	74.8	.44	58	2.50	3.8	1	705	80	90	715	3.25	3.50	
Lee x Ken. Farm.	13221	60.5	28	12.2	11.4	69.0	.49	59	2.50	4.3	2	718	90	90	775	3.50	2.50	
That. x Ken. Farm.	13345	61.5	24	11.7	10.6	69.8	.46	59	2.50	4.3	1	705	70	85	735	4.00	5.75	
Overby	13346	62.3	33	12.3	11.5	72.1	.46	56	1.25	3.7	1	788	75	95	780	2.00	1.00	
Karnvor	13347	61.7	27	9.8	9.2	72.4	.43	56	1.50	3.9	2	698	60	85	665	3.75	2.25	
Lee x ND 34	13322	61.3	28	12.2	11.0	72.4	.46	58	2.50	3.8	2	715	85	90	755	3.25	1.50	
Timstein x Henry	13405	61.0	30	10.9	9.9	72.8	.48	59	1.75	3.9	2	745	80	95	700	2.75	1.25	

Table 1.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Pearl- ing index	Test weight lbs.	Pct.	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion	Mix- ing time	Spec. sedi- men- tation	Optimum baking method			Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.	Quality of dough from mixogram tests		
					Wheat	Pct.	Yield	Ash				Bro- mate	Loaf volume Cc.	Color		Grain Score	Development time Min.	Mixing tolerance Min.
Morris, Minnesota																		
Thatcher	10003	29	59.8	12.4	11.9	71.0	4.9	61	2.25	3.4	2	74.8	75	85	800	4.25	4.75	
Lee	12488	34	60.3	14.8	13.6	70.3	4.3	61	2.50	3.7	2	84.3	90	90	885	3.50	1.50	
Selkirk	13100	38	58.4	13.8	13.2	75.1	4.5	63	2.25	3.2	1	880	85	95	865	3.25	1.50	
Conley	13157	32	60.0	13.5	12.7	72.0	4.4	62	2.25	3.7	2	868	80	90	840	3.25	2.00	
Russell	12484	33	61.1	12.7	11.5	72.8	3.9	61	2.50	3.9	1	838	85	85	780	3.75	2.75	
Lee ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13221	36	60.0	14.8	13.6	72.1	5.1	62	2.25	3.5	1	915	95	95	885	2.75	1.00	
That. ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13345	31	61.0	12.4	11.7	74.1	5.3	61	2.25	3.8	1	780	75	85	790	3.25	2.50	
Overby	13346	38	61.9	13.8	12.8	73.2	5.0	58	1.50	3.6	1	853	95	95	845	1.75	0.50	
Karnvor	13347	29	59.0	10.8	10.1	73.1	4.7	57	1.75	4.0	1	768	85	95	710	3.25	1.25	
Lee x ND 34	13322	36	60.1	12.1	11.2	72.4	4.8	61	2.00	3.2	2	770	80	85	765	3.50	1.50	
Timstein x Henry	13405	39	61.2	12.6	11.4	73.5	4.6	60	1.50	4.6	2	830	85	90	775	2.50	1.25	
Rosemount, Minnesota																		
Thatcher	10003	24	56.0	14.1	13.4	70.1	5.0	62	2.50	4.8	1	905	80	95	875			
Lee	12488	29	59.0	15.4	14.6	70.6	5.2	64	3.00	4.5	1	915	95	100	935			
Selkirk	13100	32	57.9	14.8	13.3	75.4	4.9	63	2.25	5.0	1	945	85	100	870			
Conley	13157	28	56.9	14.1	13.3	73.3	4.8	61	2.50	5.0	1	833	90	90	870			
Russell	12484	26	57.9	12.7	11.9	73.0	4.7	60	2.50	4.1	2	823	90	95	800			
Lee ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13221	29	59.2	15.8	14.9	69.9	5.4	65	2.75	4.3	2	905	95	100	950			
That. ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13345	25	56.5	14.1	13.3	71.3	4.9	62	2.50	4.7	1	853	75	90	870			
Overby	13346	34	60.8	14.3	13.7	74.2	4.9	57	2.00	4.5	2	840	80	95	890			
Karnvor	13347	29	56.3	13.9	13.2	72.1	5.3	58	2.50	5.2	1	865	80	90	865			

Table 1.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sedi- men- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method			Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.	Quality of dough from mixogram tests		
				Wheat Flour		Yield Pct.	Ash Pct.				Bro- mate	Loaf volume	Color		Grain Score	Development time Min.	Mixing tolerance Min.
				Pct.	Pct.												
Waseca, Minnesota																	
Thatcher	10003	58.2	29	13.2	12.4	71.3	.51	60	2.75	4.8	2	805	75	95	825		
Lee	12488	58.8	34	14.5	13.5	71.4	.46	61	2.75	4.5	2	825	95	95	880		
Selkirk	13100	57.2	35	13.8	13.0	75.5	.47	58	2.50	4.4	2	828	85	95	855		
Conley	13157	59.2	30	12.7	12.1	74.3	.47	59	2.75	4.5	2	788	95	90	810		
Russell	12484	59.0	29	11.8	10.8	72.8	.44	57	2.75	4.4	1	763	85	90	745		
Lee ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13221	58.9	32	14.4	13.5	71.2	.46	57	2.25	4.4	1	850	90	95	880		
Average data for six varieties and strains from four Minnesota stations 1/																	
Thatcher	10003	58.8	27	12.8	12.1	70.8	.50	60	2.25	4.4	2	795	76	89	811	4.25	
Lee	12488	59.8	32	14.4	13.4	70.3	.46	62	2.56	4.4	2	832	91	94	876	3.38	
Selkirk	13100	58.4	34	13.4	12.6	75.1	.48	61	2.31	4.1	1	845	85	94	834	3.00	
Conley	13157	59.1	30	13.1	12.3	72.9	.46	61	2.50	4.4	2	812	86	88	820	3.38	
Russell	12484	59.9	30	12.1	11.1	73.4	.44	59	2.56	4.0	1	783	85	90	760	3.50	
Lee ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13221	59.6	32	14.2	13.3	71.3	.50	62	2.44	4.1	2	858	90	92	869	3.12	
1/ Morris, Rosemount, Waseca, and Crookston stations.																	
Dickinson, North Dakota																	
Thatcher	10003	59.8	28	14.2	13.5	65.7	.48	61	2.25	4.5	2	860	75	90	880		
Conley	13157	58.4	30	15.1	14.2	62.5	.48	62	2.00	4.1	2	870	90	100	915		
Lee	12488	59.5	31	15.9	15.0	60.7	.46	63	1.75	3.6	2	898	95	95	955		
Selkirk	13100	59.0	29	14.6	13.9	66.4	.45	62	2.00	4.5	2	840	80	85	900		
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.6	30	11.9	13.6	62.7	.43	62	1.75	3.9	1	860	95	95	885		
That. ⁶ x Ken. Farmer	13345	60.0	26	14.5	13.6	65.7	.44	61	2.00	4.6	1	840	70	90	885		

Table 1.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. Test No.	Pearl- ing index	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion		Mix- ing time		Spec. sedi- men- tation	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume	Quality of dough from mixogram tests	
			Wheat	Pct.	Pct.	Yield	Pct.	Pct.	Min.	Min.		Bro- mate	Loaf volume		Development time	Mixing tolerance
		Lbs.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.			Ml.	Mg.	Cc.	Cc.	Min.	Min.
Edgeley, North Dakota																
Thatcher	10003	60.3	28	13.4	12.4	62.1	.48	60	2.25	5.0		2	795	70	90	825
Conley	13157	60.0	28	13.5	12.6	68.3	.47	60	2.50	5.1		2	815	90	100	835
Lee	12488	61.6	31	14.4	13.5	64.9	.49	61	2.25	4.5		1	818	95	100	880
Selkirk	13100	60.1	30	13.2	12.7	68.4	.49	61	2.25	4.7		2	785	80	95	840
Lee x ND 34	13322	61.2	30	13.4	12.4	65.6	.48	59	2.00	4.6		1	795	80	90	825
Fargo, North Dakota																
Thatcher	10003	59.8	22	10.7	9.8	63.7	.57	59	3.00	3.8		2	693	75	80	695
Conley	13157	58.5	24	11.1	10.2	66.6	.53	61	3.25	4.2		2	705	85	80	715
Lee	12488	60.7	26	10.7	10.0	65.0	.50	60	3.00	4.3		1	683	75	85	705
Selkirk	13100	59.7	24	10.3	9.6	63.3	.54	59	3.00	3.7		2	690	75	80	685
Lee x ND 34	13322	58.8	27	10.2	9.2	64.4	.50	58	2.50	3.1		2	675	70	70	665
R.I., 2936		60.6	22	10.4	9.4	63.8	.54	58	3.00	3.2		1	640	75	80	675
Lee x Ken. Farmer	13221	61.1	25	10.6	9.6	62.7	.54	60	2.75	3.6		1	638	75	75	685
Langdon, North Dakota																
Thatcher	10003	60.5	27	13.8	12.9	65.3	.44	62	2.25	5.3		2	798	75	95	855
Conley	13157	59.7	32	14.2	13.3	68.8	.43	61	2.75	5.1		2	855	85	90	870
Lee	12488	60.7	32	14.9	13.9	66.0	.44	63	2.50	4.8		2	890	95	90	905
Selkirk	13100	59.4	31	13.5	12.8	69.5	.45	62	2.50	5.3		2	855	85	90	845
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.3	32	13.7	12.9	67.7	.45	60	2.50	5.1		2	830	80	80	850

Table 1.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight	Pearling index	Protein		Flour		Absorption		Mixing time	Spec. sedimentation	Optimum baking method			Expected loaf volume	Quality of dough from mixogram tests	
				Wheat	Pct.	Yield	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.			Bro- mate	Loaf volume	Color		Development time	Mixing tolerance
		Lbs.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Min.	Min.	Mg.	Cc.	Score	Cc.	Min.	Min.
Minot, North Dakota																	
Thatcher	10003	62.1	27	14.6	13.4	63.8	.36	60	1.75	4.9		1	825	70	85	875	
Conley	13157	61.1	31	15.3	14.1	65.2	.37	62	1.75	4.9		2	930	100	100	910	
Lee	12488	61.9	31	15.9	14.6	62.0	.37	62	1.75	5.0		1	860	95	95	935	
Selkirk	13100	61.1	31	14.2	13.6	69.9	.40	61	2.25	5.0		2	820	85	85	885	
Lee x ND 34	13322	62.5	31	14.8	13.1	62.8	.36	60	2.00	5.1		2	815	90	90	860	
Thatcher x Ken. Farm.	13345	62.5	27	14.9	13.7	64.9	.37	63	2.00	5.1		2	820	75	90	890	
Lee x Ken. Farm.	13221	61.6	30	15.6	14.4	58.8	.41	60	2.00	4.9		2	820	85	100	925	
Williston, North Dakota																	
Thatcher	10003	60.9	29	16.8	15.7	63.8	.44	61	2.25	4.5		1	903	75	95	990	
Conley	13157	60.0	30	16.3	15.4	65.6	.42	63	2.25	4.7		2	910	85	100	975	
Lee	12488	60.3	31	16.9	16.1	64.2	.46	63	2.50	4.4		2	905	90	95	1010	
Selkirk	13100	59.2	30	14.6	14.0	67.9	.43	64	2.50	5.1		2	855	80	95	905	
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.6	32	16.4	15.5	62.1	.42	63	2.25	4.5		2	890	90	90	980	
Karvor	13347	59.3	31	16.5	15.8	65.3	.42	61	2.25	4.6		2	960	80	90	995	
Average data for five varieties and strains from six North Dakota stations																	
Thatcher	10003	60.5	27	13.9	13.0	64.0	.46	60	2.29	4.7		2	812	73	89	853	
Lee	12488	60.8	30	14.8	13.8	63.8	.45	62	2.29	4.4		2	842	91	93	898	
Selkirk	13100	59.8	29	13.4	12.8	67.6	.46	62	2.42	4.7		2	808	80	88	843	
Conley	13157	59.6	29	14.2	13.3	66.2	.45	62	2.42	4.7		2	849	89	95	870	
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.7	30	13.9	12.8	64.2	.44	60	2.17	4.4		2	811	84	86	844	

1/ Fargo, Williston, Langdon, Dickinson, Minot, and Edgeley stations.

The samples from Rosemount compared by variety were slightly higher in flour protein content than those received from Morris and Waseca and were from 1.7 percent to 4.0 percent higher than the same varieties grown at Crookston. This, in part, accounts for the variations in loaf volume of the bread made from the same variety grown at the different stations. The Crookston samples produced bread with lower loaf volumes and slightly lower grain scores. There were some variations in the water absorptions of the samples with the Rosemount and Morris samples being slightly higher, in general, than the absorptions for the Waseca and Crookston samples.

Most of the samples milled satisfactorily with the exception of the variety Lee from both Crookston and Rosemount stations and strain Lee⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13221) from Rosemount. These had only fair milling properties because of their slow sieving or bolting properties.

Thatcher, Lee, Selkirk, and Conley were the strongest of the varieties in dough-handling properties with strains Lee⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.T. 231, C. I. 13221) and Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.T. 233, C.I. 13345) being slightly stronger than Russell, Overby, Karnvor, and the other strains tested. The flour yields obtained were within the range expected from approved hard red spring wheats with Selkirk the highest and Lee and Lee⁶ x Kenya Farmer the lowest by a slight margin. In general, the wheats received from the Morris station had slightly higher pearling index values than the same varieties grown at the other three Minnesota stations.

Overby in particular, grown at 3 of the 4 stations had a high pearling index value (indicating soft texture) and had relatively low water absorption. It was one of the better varieties in protein content at the Morris and Rosemount stations. These quality factors combined with a short mixing time and very short mixing tolerance, as shown by the mixograms, make this a questionable variety. However, in spite of all these undesirable characteristics, the bread made with the flour had good loaf volume and grain characteristics.

Karnvor had good test weight per bushel, relatively high flour yield, a low pearling index value and low flour ash content but generally had below average protein content, mixing time, and loaf volume. This variety appears to be quite satisfactory from the results obtained on the sample grown at the Rosemount station, but did not seem to be of equal or satisfactory quality when grown at the Morris and Crookston stations.

Lee x ND 34 (C.I. 13322) compared favorably with Selkirk and Conley and in some respects was slightly better than Thatcher when grown at Crookston, but did not appear to be of equal quality when grown at the Morris station.

Timstein x Henry (C.I. 13405) was grown at only two of the stations, Morris and Crookston. Due to the fact that nearly all of the wheats grown at Crookston were of poorer quality than those grown at the other three stations, only general conclusions are made about this strain. In general, the pearling index value was high at Morris, and protein content rather low at Crookston. However, the test weight, flour yield, ash content, water absorption, and bromate response were satisfactory and in spite of low flour protein content and short mixing time the bread had good loaf volume and grain characteristics.

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Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer seems to be generally similar to Thatcher in nearly all the quality factors with the exception of slightly higher ash content in the sample received from Morris.

Mixogram curves were made on the samples from Morris and Crookston stations. According to the mixograms, Lee x ND 34 (C.I. 13322) and Timstein x Henry (C.I. 13405) had average mixing or development times but both had short mixing tolerances, an undesirable property, indicating poor stability to mixing. Overby had both a short mixing time and a very short mixing tolerance which would indicate that this variety, by itself, shows very little promise of meeting the requirements for a good bread-making flour. The short mixing or development time is a very desirable factor but is secondary to a strong or long mixing tolerance.

Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer had the strongest mixing properties of the strains and crosses tested in this group.

Thatcher, Lee, Selkirk, Conley, and Russell showed average or better mixing characteristics with Thatcher perhaps strongest of the varieties tested.

North Dakota - Wheat samples were received from Edgeley, Fargo, Williston, Langdon, Dickinson, and Minot, North Dakota. The samples from Fargo were 3 to 6 percent lower in protein content than those received from the other 5 stations. All approved hard red spring varieties had moderately strong to very strong dough properties and made generally satisfactory bread. The exceptions were the Fargo samples which produced short, weak doughs that had questionable dough-handling properties and produced bread with low loaf volumes and poor crumb color and grain. However, these loaf volumes were nearly equal to the volumes expected from any given flour of the same protein content. The Fargo samples produced flours with rather high ash content.

Lee x ND 34 (ND 81) had a test weight, flour yield, pearling index wheat and flour protein content, and ash content similar to Thatcher and Lee in most instances. It was not, however, as strong as Conley in some respects. This strain made satisfactory bread with good loaf volume, crumb color, and grain except for the Fargo sample. It appears to be a promising bread wheat.

R.L. 2936 received from only the Fargo station had good test weight, flour yield, ash content, and mixing time. Protein content, water absorption, loaf volume, and crumb color and grain were rather low but this was the general pattern with all the Fargo samples. In many respects this strain was a little below the level of the three approved hard red spring varieties grown at this station but was similar to Selkirk.

Lee⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13221) was received from two stations, Fargo and Minot, making it difficult because of so few samples to make definite comparisons or evaluations. This strain when grown at Minot gave the lowest flour yield of all the samples tested this year from the North Dakota plots. However, when grown at Fargo, the sample gave a flour yield comparable to that of the known varieties when all North Dakota station results were considered. This was true for most of the other quality characteristics also.

Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345) was grown at Dickinson and Minot and appears to be a good bread wheat with satisfactory quality characteristics except for a slight yellowness in crumb color. It was similar in most respects to comparably grown approved hard red spring wheats.

Montana - Samples were received from Havre, Moccasin, and Sidney, Montana. The four approved varieties, Thatcher, Conley, Lee, and Selkirk, were grown at each station and all made satisfactory bread with good loaf volumes. The variety Conley produced the best bread in most respects by a slight margin at all three stations except for slightly lower crumb color and grain scores for the Moccasin sample. This minor factor was overbalanced by the larger loaf volume obtained for the variety at the same station. Selkirk was highest in flour yield and Lee best in test weight by a slight margin.

The Havre samples gave slightly lower loaf volumes and were below the expected loaf volumes, than were the samples from Moccasin and Sidney.

Uniform Regional Nursery Composite

Twenty-four wheats from the uniform regional nursery have been tested in duplicate for their milling, baking, and chemical properties. These consisted of an eastern composite of grain from 8 stations and a western composite of grain from a like number of stations as shown in a footnote to table 2.

The results of the quality tests for the eastern and western composites and the averages of both are shown in table 2. The discussion of these samples will be based principally on the averages, except possibly for some reference for the purposes of comparison to the results obtained on the same varieties and strains grown at either the eastern or western composite stations.

Table 2.--Milling, baking, and chemical results on 24 wheats grown in the Uniform Regional Nursery for the Eastern Composite, Western Composite, and the average of the Eastern and Western composites in 1958.

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index Pct.	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sedimen- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method				Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.	
				Wheat	Flour	Yield	Ash				Bro- mate Mg.	Crumb				
							Pct.					Pct.	Pct.	Pct.		
Eastern Composite 1/2																
Marquis	3641	59.3	28	13.2	12.5	71.9	.50	62	2.50	3.1		2	808	85	90	830
Thatcher	10003	59.6	27	13.6	13.2	74.7	.51	62	2.50	3.5		2	840	85	95	865
Selkirk	13100	59.4	32	14.3	13.3	76.9	.51	64	2.25	4.4		1	893	90	100	870
Lee	12488	59.7	30	15.1	14.3	73.8	.52	62	2.50	3.4		1	850	85	95	920
Reward x C.I. 12632	13406	61.1	30	14.3	13.4	76.0	.56	62	2.25	4.0		1	850	85	90	875
Ditto	13407	61.0	31	14.6	13.7	75.0	.56	61	2.25	4.4		1	820	80	95	890
Conley	13157	59.6	29	14.0	13.3	76.5	.49	63	2.50	4.9		1	875	85	100	870
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13301	62.0	28	14.8	13.7	75.7	.48	63	2.50	4.2		2	855	90	100	890
Ditto	13302	62.2	29	15.1	14.0	74.9	.55	64	2.25	4.3		2	945	90	90	905
ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227	13317	61.4	34	14.4	13.4	77.3	.48	65	2.25	4.7		2	975	85	100	875
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13319	61.7	29	15.6	14.5	73.8	.53	65	2.00	3.9		1	975	80	95	930
Rushmore x K. Farmer	13320	61.4	31	13.8	12.9	78.1	.48	64	2.25	5.1		2	813	80	80	850
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.2	30	14.6	13.4	75.5	.48	63	2.25	4.1		2	898	90	95	875
ND 4 x Lee	13324	59.9	36	15.7	14.7	75.4	.53	64	2.25	4.6		1	893	95	95	940
Thatcher x K338AC	13348	61.2	32	15.4	14.4	75.6	.52	64	2.50	4.6		2	913	80	95	925
ND 81 x Lee	13349	60.1	31	14.8	13.9	75.6	.54	65	2.50	4.5		2	953	85	100	900
K338AA x N. 2350	13350	61.0	28	15.1	14.3	75.5	.54	65	2.25	4.4		2	985	95	95	920
Thatcher x R.L. 2564	13332	60.2	30	14.3	13.7	75.0	.52	63	2.25	4.5		1	913	75	95	890
That. 6 x K. Farmer	13345	60.5	28	14.1	13.3	76.3	.51	63	2.00	4.6		2	900	80	90	870
Karuvor	13347	58.8	30	12.4	11.8	75.2	.48	61	1.75	4.6		1	868	70	90	795
Overyby	13346	60.5	35	14.3	13.5	76.6	.50	60	1.50	4.2		2	905	75	85	880
II-44-11 x Lee ³	13404	60.8	29	14.8	13.7	75.3	.52	66	2.75	4.7		1	865	85	95	890
Thatcher x K. Farmer	13403	59.8	35	14.8	13.7	75.5	.50	61	2.25	5.0		2	913	85	95	890
II-44-29 x Lee ³	13408	60.4	29	14.7	13.6	76.0	.51	61	2.50	4.8		1	838	85	85	885

$\frac{1}{2}$ Composite of seed from Brookings, Madison, Langdon, Fargo, Casselton, St. Paul, Crookston, and Morris.

Table 2.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing Index	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sed- men- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.
				Wheat Flour		Yield Ash					Bro- mate volume Mg.	Crumb Color Grain Score	
				Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.						
Western Composite 2/													
Marquis	3641	61.3	30	14.3	13.4	73.0	.48	63	2.25	4.9	1	843	85 95 875
Thatcher	10003	60.8	29	14.6	13.9	74.3	.48	62	1.75	4.7	1	925	80 95 900
Selkirk	13100	60.0	32	14.8	13.9	76.7	.47	64	2.25	4.8	2	870	80 90 900
Lee	12488	61.0	31	15.5	14.4	73.0	.44	64	2.25	4.6	2	915	90 95 925
Reward x C.I. 12632	13406	61.5	30	15.0	13.8	72.8	.46	63	2.25	4.9	1	880	85 95 895
Ditto	13407	61.5	31	14.9	14.0	74.5	.47	65	2.50	4.9	2	805	80 90 905
Conley	13157	61.1	32	14.9	14.1	74.7	.45	66	2.00	4.8	2	885	95 100 910
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13301	62.3	28	14.5	13.8	75.3	.46	64	2.00	4.6	2	850	75 95 895
Ditto	13302	62.5	29	15.1	14.4	73.2	.50	64	2.25	4.6	2	865	80 95 925
ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227	13317	61.0	34	15.2	14.1	75.5	.49	65	2.00	4.9	2	875	85 95 910
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13319	62.4	29	15.5	14.4	72.2	.50	65	2.00	4.2	2	840	85 100 925
Rushmore x K. Farmer	13320	61.9	30	14.0	13.1	77.1	.45	65	2.75	5.2	2	830	80 85 860
Lee x ND 34	13322	61.3	31	14.3	13.4	73.4	.45	65	2.00	4.9	2	855	85 95 875
ND 4 x Lee	13324	60.4	34	15.5	14.3	73.8	.46	66	2.25	4.8	2	820	85 100 920
Thatcher x K338AC	13348	60.9	32	15.7	14.6	73.1	.46	63	2.25	4.8	2	825	75 90 935
ND 81 x Lee	13349	60.8	31	15.3	14.4	74.1	.50	65	2.25	4.7	2	825	75 95 925
K338AA x N. 2350	13350	61.2	29	15.0	14.4	74.5	.53	65	2.75	4.7	2	880	85 95 925
Thatcher x R.L. 2564	13332	60.4	31	14.9	14.1	75.5	.45	63	2.50	5.0	2	870	80 85 910
That. 6 x K. Farmer	13345	61.2	29	14.6	13.9	74.8	.46	63	2.25	4.9	2	845	85 90 900
Karnvor	13347	60.4	31	13.8	13.1	74.2	.42	59	2.25	5.2	2	840	75 80 860
Overby	13346	61.1	38	15.2	14.7	75.0	.44	60	1.50	4.7	2	830	80 85 940
II-44-11 x Lee ³	13404	60.9	28	15.4	14.3	73.4	.48	62	3.00	4.8	2	850	85 95 920
Thatcher x K. Farmer	13403	60.5	33	14.5	14.0	74.5	.45	63	2.00	4.8	2	940	80 100 905
II-44-29 x Lee ³	13408	60.8	30	14.8	14.2	73.6	.45	64	2.75	4.8	2	865	75 85 915

2/ Composite of seed from Sidney, Havre, Moccasin, Fort Collins, Laramie, Sheridan, Minot, and Alliance.

Table 2.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearling index	Protein				Flour Yield	Ash	Ab- sorp- tion	Mix- ing time	Spec. semi- men- tation	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.	Quality of dough from	
				Wheat Flour		Bro- mate	Loaf volume Cc.						Crumb Color	Grain Score		Development time Min.	Mixogram tests Development tolerance Min.
				Pct.	Pct.			Pct.	Pct.	Mg.	Cc.	Min.			Min.		
Averages of the Eastern and Western Composites																	
Marquis	3641	60.3	29	13.8	13.0	72.5	.49	63	2.38	4.0	2	826	85	93	853	2.50	1.75
Thatcher	10003	60.2	28	14.1	13.6	74.5	.50	62	2.00	4.1	2	883	83	95	883	2.50	2.00
Selkirk	13100	59.7	32	14.6	13.6	76.8	.49	64	2.25	4.6	2	882	85	95	885	2.50	1.25
Lee	12488	60.4	31	15.3	14.4	73.4	.48	63	2.38	4.0	2	883	88	95	923	2.50	1.50
Reward x C.I. 12632	13406	61.3	30	14.7	13.6	74.4	.51	63	2.25	4.4	1	865	85	93	885	3.00	1.50
Ditto	13407	61.3	31	14.8	13.9	74.8	.52	63	2.38	4.6	2	813	80	93	898	3.00	1.50
Conley	13157	60.4	31	14.5	13.7	75.6	.47	65	2.25	4.8	2	880	90	100	890	2.75	1.50
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13301	62.2	28	14.7	13.8	75.5	.47	64	2.25	4.4	2	853	83	98	893	2.50	1.00
Ditto	13302	62.4	29	15.1	14.2	74.1	.53	64	2.25	4.4	2	905	85	93	915	2.50	1.50
ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227	13317	61.2	34	14.8	13.8	76.4	.49	65	2.13	4.8	2	925	85	98	893	2.25	1.50
K338AA x Ns. 3880.191	13319	62.1	29	15.6	14.5	73.0	.52	65	2.00	4.0	2	908	83	98	928	2.00	1.00
Rustmore x K. Farmer	13320	61.7	31	13.9	13.0	77.6	.47	65	2.50	5.2	2	822	80	83	855	3.00	2.00
Lee x ND 34	13322	60.8	31	14.5	13.4	74.5	.47	64	2.13	4.5	2	877	88	95	875	2.75	1.50
ND 4 x Lee	13324	60.2	35	15.6	14.5	74.6	.50	65	2.25	4.7	2	857	90	98	930	2.25	1.75
Thatcher x K338AC	13348	61.1	32	15.6	14.5	74.4	.49	64	2.38	4.7	2	869	78	93	930	2.75	1.75
ND 81 x Lee	13349	60.5	31	15.1	14.2	74.9	.52	65	2.38	4.6	2	889	80	98	913	2.75	1.50
K338AA x N. 2350	13350	61.1	29	15.1	14.4	75.0	.54	65	2.50	4.6	2	933	90	95	923	3.00	2.00
Thatcher x R.L. 2564	13332	60.3	31	14.6	13.9	75.3	.49	63	2.38	4.8	2	892	78	90	900	3.25	2.00
Thatcher x K. Farmer	13345	60.9	29	14.4	13.6	75.6	.49	63	2.13	4.8	2	873	83	90	885	3.00	1.25
Karnvor	13347	59.6	31	13.1	12.5	75.7	.45	60	2.00	4.9	2	854	73	85	828	2.75	1.75
Overby	13346	60.8	37	14.8	14.1	75.8	.47	60	1.50	4.4	2	868	78	85	910	1.75	1.75
II-44-11 x Lee ³	13404	60.9	29	15.1	14.0	74.4	.50	64	2.78	4.8	2	858	85	95	905	3.50	2.25
Thatcher x K. Farmer	13403	60.2	34	14.7	13.9	75.0	.48	62	2.13	4.9	2	927	83	98	898	2.50	1.00
II-44-29 x Lee ³	13408	60.6	30	14.8	13.9	74.8	.48	63	2.63	4.8	2	852	80	85	900	3.50	2.00

Most of the samples from the uniform regional nurseries made reasonably good bread, with only a slight difference in quality between many of the varieties and strains.

In some years the properties or characteristics of the same variety or strain grown at the eastern or western composite stations are somewhat different, due, no doubt, to a difference in environmental conditions. The western composites were slightly higher in test weight than the eastern samples. The samples from both sections were slightly better in test weights this year than those of last year's composites. The pearling index values obtained were also slightly higher on this year's samples. There were some variations, for the most part, between the varieties and strains with samples from the western stations equal to or slightly higher in pearling index values than those from the east. The medium-low pearling index values indicated that most of the 1958 strains were similar to the approved hard red spring varieties in hardness. The only exceptions were strains ND 4 x Lee (C.I. 13324), ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227 (C.I. 13317), Thatcher x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13403), and Overby, which had higher pearling index values than Marquis or Thatcher, indicating softer texture. These softer wheats may not meet with approval of the milling trade because of problems in tempering and milling when used in blends with the harder textured approved spring wheat varieties.

The wheats milled satisfactorily and produced a relatively high yield of low to medium ash flour. The only exception was strain K338AA x N2350 (C.I. 13350) which had the highest flour ash content of the nursery samples. This may possibly be an inherent property of this strain. The wheats having the highest flour yields were Selkirk, Rushmore x K. Farmer (C.I. 13320), and ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227 (C.I. 13317). C.I. Nos. 13320 and 13317 had excellent milling properties and were superior to the other nursery samples in this respect. Wheat and flour proteins were slightly lower, on the average, than the protein contents for the same varieties or strains tested last year. The wheat proteins of the western composites ranged up to 1.4 percent higher than those of the same varieties or strains in the eastern composites, with the exception of Thatcher x K. Farmer (C.I. 13403) which had a wheat protein content that was only slightly higher in the eastern composite. The highest average wheat protein contents ranged from 15.1 to 15.6 percent for Lee, K338AA x Ns. 3880.191 (C.I. Nos. 13302 and 13319), ND 4 x Lee (C.I. 13324), Thatcher x K338AC (C.I. 13348), ND 81 x Lee (C.I. 13349), K338AA x N2350 (C.I. 13350) and II-44-11 x Lee³ (C.I. 13404). Karnvor was lowest (13.1 percent) of the samples in wheat protein content. The water absorptions were very similar for the eastern and western composite samples, varying from 60 to 65 percent.

The small differences in quality between a number of the strains have made it extremely difficult to rank the wheats. Most strains produced bread that was satisfactory in grain with some better than others. Many strains had good quality and the desirable characteristics looked for in a wheat intended for bread. It is of interest that 16 of the 24 varieties and strains in the eastern composite and 15 of the wheats in the western

composite produced bread scoring 95 or above in crumb grain. This excellent showing in one of the important bread properties should be encouraging proof that satisfactory parent material is being used in the hard red spring breeding program. The crumb color scores were good with the greatest percentage of the samples making bread having crumb color scores of 85 or higher.

The approved hard red spring varieties Marquis, Thatcher, Selkirk, Lee, and Conley made satisfactory bread. Thatcher and Conley were the strongest wheats of this group and showed good dough strength.

Mixogram patterns or curves have been made on the flour composited by variety and strain from the 24 eastern and western samples. The results of these tests show that there were some differences in the dough characteristics between a number of the samples. The mixogram patterns for Marquis, Conley, Thatcher, and Lee were quite typical of acceptable bread wheats and evidenced satisfactory mixing properties. Selkirk had a reasonably long dough development time but it was shortest of the approved varieties in mixing tolerance. Mixing tolerances for the same varieties or strains were shorter this year than those obtained in the 1957 tests. This was due, in part, possibly to the lower protein content of this year's samples. Overby showed again its undesirable weak dough characteristics.

There were a number of strains in addition to the named varieties that showed good dough quality; e.g., development time and mixing tolerance according to the mixogram tests. These are as follows: Rushmore x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13320), K338AA x N2350 (C.I. 13350), Thatcher x R.L. 2564 (C.I. 13332), II-44-11 x Lee³ (C.I. 13404), and II-44-29 x Lee³ (C.I. 13408). Strains C.I. Nos. 13408, 13350, and 13320 were slightly down on one or more of their quality properties, which have been mentioned elsewhere in this discussion.

Those strains perhaps strongest in general quality and making the best bread, considering the data as a whole, were: Reward x C.I. 12632 (C.I. Nos. 13406 and 13407), K338AA x Ns. 3880.191 (C.I. 13302), Lee x ND 34 (C.I. 13322), Thatcher x K338AC (C.I. 13348), ND 81 x Lee (C.I. 13349), Thatcher x R.L. 2564 (C.I. 13332), and II-44-11 x Lee³ (C.I. 13404). The quality of the dough according to the mixogram tests and the handling properties at the time of panning were generally satisfactory for these samples. A number of the other strains would have rated higher in quality had one or more of their quality properties been better. These strains and their lower quality properties are as follows: Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345) and K338AA x Ns. 3880.191 (C.I. Nos. 13301 and 13319), short dough mixing tolerance; ND 4 x Ns. 3880.227 (C.I. 13317) and ND 4 x Lee (C.I. 13324), high pearling index values indicative of soft texture; K338AA x N2350 (C.I. 13350), high flour ash content; Thatcher x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13403), short dough mixing tolerance and high pearling index value; and Rushmore x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13320) and II-44-29 x Lee³ (C.I. 13408), poor grain of bread crumb. The varieties Karnvor and Overby were deficient in dough handling properties, being soft, weak and sticky. The dough development time and mixing tolerance for Overby according to the mixogram tests were shortest of the 24 nursery samples.

State Nursery Trials

Results for the samples grown in the State nursery trials are shown in table 3. These include samples from Madison, Wisconsin, and composites of a number of varieties and strains grown in the Sawfly nursery at Moccasin and Sidney, Montana, and from the Advanced Yield nursery at Huntley and Moccasin, Montana.

Madison, Wisconsin

The varieties and strains have made generally satisfactory bread, when considered in relation to the protein content of the wheats. All samples produced bread with good grain characteristics. The flour yields were exceptionally high when considered in relation to the test weight per bushel of the wheats.

The best bread, considering the data as a whole, from the nursery strains was made from Wis. 250 (C.I. 13098), H515B-7-2-12-17-1-2, H515B-7-2-12-17-4-2, Y-TK x Wis. 250³ Sel. 1-2-5, and Kenya 184 x Wis. 250⁴ Sel. 6-12. These wheats milled satisfactorily and produced a reasonably high yield of flour of acceptable ash content. The dough-handling characteristics were strong and elastic and the dough-mixing time moderately long and similar to the approved hard red spring varieties. The bread produced from the flour was high in loaf volume and the grain of the crumb excellent. Strain H500-6-1-4-2 was equally as good in most quality characteristics as the wheats already mentioned, except possibly for the ash content of the flour which was higher than normal. One of the most promising properties of all these strains was the excellent grain of the bread and the high flour yield of the wheats.

Those wheats that were next best in quality were Kenya 184 P.2 A.I.F., H515B-7-2-12-5 and No. 58 x Wis. 250³ x Sel. 1-1-1. These strains were only slightly lower in grain of bread than the strains already discussed. Two of these strains produced an excellent yield of flour, were low in ash content, and their dough-handling properties and mixing time were satisfactory.

The two strains C.I. 12633 x Henry² Sel. 1-1 and Sel. 1-3-4, milled satisfactorily, produced an excellent yield of flour of low ash content, made bread of very good loaf volume and internal characteristics, but had shorter dough-mixing times than the approved hard red spring varieties. These two selections are perhaps slightly stronger in quality than the comparably grown Henry, which also had a short dough-mixing time.

The variety Henry, similar to last year's tests, was lowest in wheat protein content. It was lowest in loaf volume of the nursery samples grown at Madison, Wisconsin.

Table 3.--Milling, baking, and chemical results on hard red spring wheats grown in State nursery trials, 1958 crop.

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index Pct.	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sedi- men- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.		
				Wheat	Flour	Yield	Ash				Bro- mate Mg.	Loaf volume Cc.		Color	Grain Score
Rod Row Yield Nursery - Madison, Wisconsin															
Lee	12488	60.3	29	14.0	12.9	76.3	.52	63	2.50	4.3	2	810	85	850	
Wis. 250	13098	59.9	31	14.1	12.7	76.8	.49	59	2.25	4.1	2	873	90	840	
Kenya 184 P.2.A.I.F.		60.9	34	13.6	12.5	75.1	.50	59	2.25	5.0	2	828	75	830	
H500-6-1-4-2		61.1	32	13.8	12.8	77.9	.56	59	2.25	4.8	2	823	80	845	
C.I. 12633 x Henry ² , Sel. 1-1		61.2	35	14.1	12.9	78.2	.52	59	1.75	4.9	2	843	90	850	
C.I. 12633 x Henry ² , Sel. 1-3-4		61.1	35	14.0	12.7	77.3	.51	61	1.75	4.6	2	875	95	840	
Henry	12265	60.7	33	12.3	11.3	79.4	.50	59	1.75	4.0	2	790	90	770	
H515B-7-2-12-5		59.2	30	13.8	12.4	76.4	.50	59	2.25	4.1	2	880	90	825	
H515B-7-2-12-17-1-2		58.9	30	14.0	12.9	75.6	.48	60	2.25	4.3	1	923	85	850	
H515B-7-2-12-17-4-2		59.3	31	14.2	13.2	76.4	.50	60	2.50	4.0	1	920	75	865	
Y-TK x Wis. 2503 Sel. 1-2-5		59.6	31	13.5	12.6	77.4	.49	62	2.00	3.4	2	895	80	835	
No. 58 x Wis. 2503 Sel. 1-1-160.8		60.8	30	13.9	12.8	77.8	.49	60	2.00	3.9	2	843	90	845	
Kenya 184 x Wis. 2504 Sel. 6-12		60.9	32	15.0	14.2	76.9	.53	62	3.00	4.4	2	955	80	915	

Table 3.---(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sed- men- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.		
				Wheat Pct.	Flour Pct.	Yield Pct.	Ash Pct.				Bro- mate Mg.	Loaf volume Cc.		Crumb Color	Grain Score
Montana Advanced Yield Nursery 1/															
Selkirk	13100	58.8	30	15.4	14.5	76.4	.50	63	2.00	4.5	2	865	80	95	930
Ceres	6900	60.7	26	15.8	15.1	75.4	.51	66	2.75	4.2	2	888	80	90	960
Thatcher x Lee		59.6	28	16.4	15.2	74.4	.54	65	2.00	4.1	1	903	80	90	965
1898 x Lee		60.6	28	16.6	15.3	76.0	.54	66	2.50	4.2	1	968	85	95	970
That. 6 x K. Farmer	13345	60.1	28	16.0	15.6	75.0	.54	67	2.00	4.1	1	953	80	90	985
Rescue x 1831	13304	61.2	29	15.6	15.1	75.4	.55	66	2.00	4.2	1	960	70	80	960
Lee	12488	60.2	31	16.5	15.7	76.6	.56	66	2.25	4.2	1	968	80	90	990
Centana	12974	59.9	28	16.2	15.4	74.9	.49	64	2.00	4.7	1	933	80	90	975
Thatcher	10003	60.1	29	16.2	15.6	75.3	.54	65	2.00	4.3	1	925	75	95	985
Lake	13413	57.7	30	16.6	16.0	73.6	.47	65	1.75	4.4	2	990	90	95	1005
1953 x Lee	13242	60.0	30	15.2	14.3	72.9	.39	63	2.00	4.8	2	835	85	95	920
Lee 6 x K. Farmer	13221	59.0	32	16.2	15.8	73.0	.51	66	2.25	4.1	2	865	75	95	995
Chinook	13220	61.6	32	15.9	15.4	73.6	.48	62	2.25	4.2	1	853	80	90	975
Rescue	12435	59.5	32	15.9	15.2	73.6	.44	59	2.25	4.5	2	895	75	95	965
Conley	13157	57.6	31	16.2	15.6	73.2	.44	65	2.25	4.4	2	930	90	100	985
Pilot	11945	58.4	27	16.0	14.7	72.1	.43	65	2.50	4.8	1	938	80	95	940
Overby	13346	60.4	35	16.3	15.5	74.2	.47	61	1.75	4.6	2	915	70	90	980
1953 x Lee		59.5	32	15.5	15.0	74.3	.48	63	1.75	4.3	1	930	80	95	955
Thatcher x Lee		59.7	34	15.9	15.3	73.3	.48	62	2.00	4.5	1	985	85	95	970

1/ Composite of seed from Huntley and Moccasin.

Table 3.--(Continued)

Variety or Cross	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index Pct.	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion Pct.	Mix- ing time Min.	Spec. sedi- men- tation Ml.	Optimum baking method		Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.		
				Wheat		Ash					Bro- mate Mg.	Loaf volume Cc.		Color Grain Score	
				Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.								
Montana International Sawfly Yield Nursery 2/															
Rescue x Chinook	13309	61.2	29	15.2	14.5	78.2	.44	62	2.25	4.6	2	903	75	85	930
ditto	13310	61.6	33	16.3	15.5	73.7	.45	62	2.25	4.5	1	923	75	90	980
"	13344	61.8	31	15.0	14.7	75.5	.42	63	2.25	4.6	1	888	75	85	940
"	13329	61.3	34	15.2	14.6	76.8	.42	63	2.25	4.6	1	890	85	95	935
That. 4 x Rescue	13412	60.8	27	15.1	14.1	73.0	.42	61	2.25	4.5	1	890	85	95	910
Rescue x Chinook	13308	60.9	32	15.3	14.3	76.8	.43	64	2.00	4.9	1	950	70	95	920
That. 2 x Rescue	13411	60.7	27	15.1	13.8	74.5	.42	63	2.00	4.0	1	830	80	90	895
Rescue x Thatcher	13307	62.0	33	16.1	15.1	76.7	.41	61	2.00	4.6	1	933	80	100	960
Thatcher	10003	60.3	28	15.8	14.7	74.4	.42	64	2.00	4.4	1	938	80	95	940
Chinook	13220	61.5	29	15.5	14.6	73.6	.41	64	2.00	4.0	2	843	80	95	935
Rescue x Cadet	13328	60.9	27	15.6	14.8	74.1	.44	64	2.25	4.6	2	930	75	100	915
Rescue-NL315 x G.B.	13409	59.9	32	15.8	14.8	75.2	.45	62	2.75	4.6	1	930	70	95	945
Rescue x Chinook	13330	61.2	34	15.8	15.2	73.8	.40	63	2.50	4.7	2	963	75	95	965
Rescue-NL315 x G.B.	13410	60.6	30	15.3	14.3	73.6	.46	64	2.25	4.8	1	1015	75	100	920
Rescue	12435	60.4	32	15.6	14.9	74.9	.45	63	2.00	4.6	1	965	75	90	950
Rescue x 1831	13304	61.2	30	14.6	14.3	77.3	.44	64	2.25	4.5	1	905	80	90	920

2/ Composite of seed from Moccasin and Sidney, Montana.

Advanced Yield Nursery

Huntley and Moccasin, Montana

The small differences in quality between a number of the samples have made it extremely difficult to rank the wheats. Most all produced bread satisfactory in grain, with some better than others. It is of interest that 11 of the 19 samples produced bread scoring 95 or above in crumb grain. This is an excellent showing for one of the important bread properties. The crumb color scores were low to medium with only 2 of the 19 samples scoring as high as 90 in color.

All the samples milled satisfactorily. A number of the wheats produced a high yield of flour averaging 75.0 percent or better.

There was little variation between the samples in the test weight per bushel, flour yield and wheat and flour protein contents. All the wheats were relatively high in protein content with none lower than 14.3 percent in the flour. This accounts, no doubt, in part for the good quality of many of these wheats for bread-making.

The approved hard red spring varieties, Selkirk, Ceres, Lee, Thatcher, Conley, Pilot, Centana, and Rescue made satisfactory bread. Thatcher and Conley were perhaps strongest of these varieties in dough-handling properties. There were a number of other named varieties that would have been better for bread, had they not been deficient in one or more quality properties. These varieties and their deficient quality properties are as follows: Chinook, because of its much lower loaf volume than expected for the protein content of the flour; Lake, for its shorter dough-mixing time as compared with that of Lee and Thatcher; and Overby, because of its mellow, weak dough properties, low crumb color and short dough-mixing time.

The strains that appear to be best in quality, considering the data as a whole were 1898 x Lee (B52-57), Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345) and Thatcher x Lee (B55-21). Next best and nearly as good as the above named wheats were Rescue x 1831 (C.I. 13304) and Thatcher x Lee (B55-5). All the above wheats had good handling properties, and the bread was satisfactory in volume and grain. Rescue x 1831 was lowest of the group in crumb color but this is perhaps not too important since it is common practice to bleach flour.

A number of the other strains would be more promising for bread if not deficient in one or more of their quality properties. These strains and their lower quality property or properties are as follows: 1953 x Lee (C.I. 13242) slightly low flour yield and lower loaf volume as compared to that expected according to the protein content; Lee⁶ x Kenya Farmer lower than expected loaf volume (this strain has a low specific sedimentation value) and 1953 x Lee (B52-94) shorter dough-mixing time than the comparably grown Lee or Conley.

It is of interest to note that strain 1953 x Lee (C.I. 13242), although deficient in some properties, was one of the samples lowest in flour ash content.

International Sawfly Yield Nursery

Moccasin and Sidney, Montana

The results for a number of varieties and strains resistant to wheat stem sawfly grown in the International Sawfly Yield Nursery trials at Moccasin and Sidney, Montana are shown in table 3. These trials include many strains of current interest. One of the principal interests in these tests is a comparison of the quality of the strains which include Rescue in their parentage, with that of Thatcher and Rescue.

These samples made generally acceptable bread with good grain and loaf volume. However, a tendency for yellowness in the crumb color for most of the samples was somewhat undesirable. The two samples in the group having the best crumb color by a small degree were strains Rescue x Chinook (C.I. 13329) and Thatcher⁴ x Rescue (C.I. 13412). The small differences in quality between most of the samples made it difficult to rank the wheats. All the wheats were relatively high in protein and possessed most of the quality characteristics found in approved varieties. Due to this fact most of the discussion will be based on a consideration of the quality data as a whole with minor differences pointed out. The test weights, flour yields, water absorption, and loaf volumes were relatively high with desirably low ash contents and pearling index values. Mixing times of 2.00 to 2.75 minutes and bromate response were average.

Thatcher² x Rescue (C.I. 13411) had a flour protein slightly below that expected from a wheat with 15.1 protein. This factor seems to carry through to the somewhat lower specific sedimentation value and loaf volume. Chinook also had a slightly lower specific sedimentation value and loaf volume which would tend to indicate the possibility of a slightly poorer quality gluten.

Three of the samples had higher loaf volumes than the expected when considering their respective flour protein contents. These were Rescue x Chinook (C.I. 13308), Rescue - N1315 x G.B. (C.I. 13410), and Rescue (C.I. 12435) indicating possibly an inherent quality of the parent variety, Rescue. Strain C.I. 13410 was best of these with nearly a 100 cc increase in loaf volume over the expected volume.

All the wheats milled satisfactorily and the flours produced doughs with strong to very strong or bucky handling properties with only Rescue x Cadet (C.I. 13328) having only moderate strength and a slight softness when panned. Seven of the 16 varieties and strains had excellent milling properties. The promising milling wheats are Rescue x Chinook (C.I. Nos. 13309, 13344, 13329, and 13308), Rescue x Thatcher (C.I. 13307), Thatcher, and Rescue x 1831 (C.I. 13304).

Those wheats perhaps strongest in quality and making the best bread considering the data as a whole, were Rescue, Rescue x Chinook (C.I. Nos. 13309 and 13329), Rescue x Chinook (C.I. 13308), Thatcher² x Rescue (C.I. 13411), Rescue x Thatcher (C.I. 13307), Thatcher, Rescue x Cadet (C.I. 13328), Rescue x N1315 x G.B. (C.I. 13410) and Rescue x 1831 (C.I. 13304). The dough handling characteristics of these samples were strong and elastic. A number of the strains produced bread having excellent (scoring 100) grain.

Chinook was not as strong as the other samples. It was high in protein content, had a low specific sedimentation value and produced a loaf volume somewhat lower than expected for the protein content of the flour.

Commercial Samples

As in past years, a number of commercially-grown wheat samples were obtained through the Grain Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, for comparison with the varieties and strains produced in experimental plots. Twenty-five such samples representing a number of grades and subclasses were obtained at Great Falls, Montana; Denver, Colorado; and Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota. The samples were composited by grade from 3,357 cars of wheat grading No. 4 or better. This is the twentieth season such samples have been tested. The results are given in table 4.

These samples generally averaged lower in protein content than the varieties and strains grown in experimental plot and nursery trials. The Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota samples averaged 13.5 and 13.4 respectively; the Great Falls, Montana and Denver, Colorado samples were somewhat higher, averaging 14.3 and 14.6 percent, respectively. The milling characteristics were much alike for the commercial and experimental samples, with the commercial samples possibly slightly higher in yield of flour on the average. Otherwise, the baking and chemical results do not appear to be greatly different when compared with samples having approximately the same protein content.

Notes on Some of the New Strains of Current Interest

Each year many new strains of wheat are tested along with the approved hard red spring varieties for chemical composition, milling, and bread-baking quality. The data on three strains of current interest with averages of comparable samples of a number of approved hard red spring varieties are shown in table 5.

Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345)

Comparable milling and baking tests of 9 samples of Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer (C.I. 13345) show that on the average it is quite comparable to Thatcher in most of the quality characteristics for which comparisons have been made. It is similar to Lee in test weight, flour yield, ash content of flour, water absorption, bromate response, specific sedimentation value, and crumb grain. Lee has averaged slightly higher in pearling index value, wheat and flour protein content, mixing time and loaf volume than Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer. The crumb color for Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer was slightly lower than that obtained for Lee, Selkirk, and Conley. The dough mixing time and tolerance, according to the mixograph tests, varied somewhat among the samples ranging from moderately long to very long. Averages show that Thatcher⁶ x Kenya Farmer was perhaps not as strong as Thatcher in mixing time and tolerance. It had about the same mixing time and a moderately longer mixing tolerance than Conley, Selkirk, and Lee. This strain has many of the favorable properties found in approved hard red spring varieties.

Table 4.--Willing, baking, and chemical results on 25 composite commercial samples from 3,357 cars of hard red spring wheat obtained at Denver, Duluth, Great Falls, and Minneapolis, representing the 1958 crop.

Location where obtained	U. S. grade	No. of cars	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index value	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion	Mix- ing time	Spec. sedi- men- tation	Optimum baking method				Ex- pected loaf volume Cc.	Quality of dough	
					Wheat		Yield	Ash				Bro-Loaf		Grain	Development time		Mixing tolerance	
					Pct.	Pct.						Pct.	Pct.					Mg.
Denver, Colo.	1HNS	24	60.7	31	13.9	13.6	75.3	.42	65	2.00	3.8	2	890	85	90	885	2.50	1.50
Do.	1LNS	22	59.4	29	14.8	14.0	75.4	.44	64	2.00	4.6	2	925	80	90	905	2.50	1.25
Do.	2DNS	11	57.5	28	14.8	14.1	74.5	.46	64	2.00	4.6	1	860	75	90	910	2.50	1.50
Do.	3DNS	16	56.4	29	14.7	14.1	74.1	.47	66	2.00	4.7	2	875	75	90	910	2.75	1.50
Average			58.5	29	14.6	14.0	74.8	.45	65	2.00	4.4	2	888	79	90	902	2.56	1.44
Duluth, Minn.	1HNS	546	61.3	30	13.9	13.0	75.9	.46	66	2.50	4.3	2	825	70	75	855	2.75	1.50
Do.	1LNS	34	61.5	30	11.7	10.8	76.7	.48	65	2.75	3.8	2	770	70	85	745	3.50	3.00
Do.	1DNS	197	59.4	32	14.5	13.3	75.9	.47	64	2.50	4.7	2	860	80	90	870	2.75	1.50
Do.	2DNS	485	60.5	30	13.8	13.1	75.6	.46	66	2.75	4.6	1	845	80	95	860	3.00	1.50
Do.	3DNS	115	60.0	31	13.9	12.8	75.5	.47	66	2.50	4.8	2	860	70	80	845	3.00	1.50
Do.	3DNS	44	59.0	32	14.1	13.0	75.3	.47	65	2.50	4.7	2	855	80	90	855	3.25	1.75
Do.	1NS	65	59.0	34	12.9	12.0	76.4	.47	63	2.25	4.0	2	790	75	90	805	3.50	1.75
Do.	2NS	76	59.3	32	12.4	11.7	76.4	.46	64	2.50	3.9	2	775	75	100	790	3.75	2.75
Do.	2NS	35	57.5	33	13.0	11.9	76.0	.47	62	2.75	4.1	2	830	70	95	800	3.75	2.00
Do.	4NS	20	57.3	33	13.7	12.5	75.0	.48	64	2.50	4.7	2	860	75	90	830	3.75	2.50
Average			59.5	32	13.4	12.4	75.9	.47	64	2.55	4.4	2	827	74	89	825	3.30	1.98

Table 4.--(Continued)

Location where obtained	U. S. grade	No. of cars	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index value	Protein		Flour Yield	Ab- sorp- tion	Mix- ing time	Spec. sedi- men- tation ml.	Optimum baking method			Ex- Quality of dough			
					Wheat Flour						Bro- mate	Loaf volume	Crumb Color	Grain Score	loaf volume	Development time	tolerance
					Pct.	Pct.											
Great Falls, Mont.	1HNS	530	61.1	31	14.1	13.1	74.3	.45	63	2.50	5.0	2	813	90	860	3.00	2.00
Do.	1HNS	162	59.4	33	15.4	14.5	74.5	.47	64	2.50	4.7	2	905	90	930	3.25	1.75
Do.	2HNS	34	60.7	32	14.0	13.1	73.5	.47	63	2.25	4.9	1	830	90	860	3.25	2.00
Do.	3HNS	37	61.4	30	13.7	12.7	72.8	.47	62	2.50	5.0	1	800	75	840	2.75	1.75
Average			60.6	32	14.3	13.4	73.8	.46	63	2.44	4.9	2	838	74	872	3.06	1.88
Mineapolis, Minnesota	1HNS	331	61.4	32	13.4	12.6	75.3	.47	62	2.50	4.4	2	815	95	835	3.25	2.00
Do.	1HNS	137	59.2	32	14.6	13.4	75.1	.48	65	2.75	4.8	2	895	95	875	3.50	1.75
Do.	2HNS	285	61.0	32	13.5	12.6	74.6	.49	62	2.50	4.2	2	830	95	835	3.25	2.25
Do.	3HNS	46	56.7	32	14.3	13.2	74.1	.49	61	2.75	4.6	2	778	90	865	4.25	2.00
Do.	4HNS	16	54.3	31	13.1	12.3	74.6	.50	59	2.75	4.6	2	745	90	820	5.00	4.25
Do.	1HNS	33	59.0	35	12.9	12.1	76.2	.48	61	2.75	3.9	2	755	90	810	3.50	3.00
Do.	2HNS	56	59.8	33	12.7	11.9	75.3	.52	62	2.75	3.4	2	733	90	800	3.50	2.50
Average			58.8	32	13.5	12.6	75.0	.49	62	2.68	4.3	2	793	79	834	3.75	2.54

Table 5.--Average quality characteristics of a number of strains of current interest compared with approved hard red spring wheats.

Variety or Cross	No. of samples	C.I. No.	Test weight lbs.	Pearl- ing index	Protein		Flour		Ab- sorp- tion	Mix- ing time min.	Spec. sedi- men- tation	Optimum baking method			Ex- pected loaf volume	
					Wheat	Flour	Yield	Ash				Bro- mate	Loaf volume	Color		Grain
					Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.				Pct.	Mg.	Cc.		Score
Thatcher ⁶ x Ken. Farm.	9	13345	60.5	27	13.8	12.4	71.8	.48	62	2.17	4.4	1	823	77	88	853
Thatcher	9	10003	60.0	27	13.7	13.0	71.1	.49	61	2.14	4.3	1	832	77	89	854
Lee	9	12488	60.5	30	15.0	14.0	70.0	.48	62	2.22	4.2	1	860	89	93	907
Selkirk	9	13100	59.4	31	13.9	13.1	74.3	.48	62	2.19	4.3	2	846	83	92	860
Conley	9	13157	59.7	29	14.2	13.3	71.7	.46	63	2.08	4.5	2	850	86	93	871
1953 x Lee	1	13242	60.0	30	15.2	14.3	72.9	.39	63	2.00	4.8	2	835	85	95	920
Thatcher	1	10003	60.1	29	16.2	15.6	75.3	.54	65	2.00	4.3	1	925	75	95	985
Lee	1	12488	60.2	31	16.5	15.7	76.6	.56	66	2.25	4.2	1	968	80	90	990
Selkirk	1	13100	58.8	30	15.4	14.5	76.4	.50	63	2.00	4.5	2	865	90	95	930
Conley	1	13157	57.6	31	16.2	15.6	73.2	.44	65	2.25	4.4	2	930	90	100	985
Rescue x 1831	2	13304	61.2	30	15.1	14.7	76.4	.50	65	2.13	4.4	1	933	75	85	940
Thatcher	2	10003	60.2	29	16.0	15.2	74.9	.48	65	2.00	4.4	1	932	78	95	968
Rescue	2	12435	59.9	32	15.8	15.0	74.2	.44	61	2.12	4.6	2	930	75	92	958

1953 x Lee (C.I. 13242)

Tests made on a single sample of 1953 x Lee show that it had satisfactory milling properties but produced a lower yield of flour in comparison to the four approved hard red spring wheats included as standards of comparison. It was equal to or higher in test weight per bushel than Thatcher, Lee, Selkirk, or Conley. Strain 1953 x Lee does not seem to be as strong as the four approved varieties compared with it. It is more nearly comparable in quality to Selkirk than to the other three varieties in wheat and flour protein content, water absorption, mixing time, specific sedimentation value, bromate requirement, loaf volume and bread crumb characteristics. It is lower in flour protein content than Thatcher, Lee, and Conley which accounts in part for its slightly lower loaf volume. It is of interest to note the unusually low ash content of this strain but due to the fact that only one sample of this wheat was tested this result might be questionable. However, Conley was also low in flour ash content. This strain is lower in flour yield than comparable grown Thatcher, Lee, and Selkirk but similar again to that of Conley. A moderately strong dough with elastic, pliable properties produced a loaf of bread comparable to those produced by approved hard red spring varieties.

Rescue x 1831 (C.I. 13304)

Comparable milling and baking tests show this strain to be about equal to Thatcher and Rescue in many quality characteristics. Rescue x 1831 produced a loaf of bread equal in volume and crumb characteristics to those of Thatcher and Rescue. The milling properties of this strain were found to be exceptionally good. The dough handling properties were strong and elastic. Good test weight, flour yield, water absorption, mixing time, loaf volume, and crumb grain make this a promising bread wheat. Minor detrimental factors are a slightly high ash, and a slight yellowness in crumb color. This strain is similar in most respects to its parent Rescue insofar as comparisons could be made on only two samples of this wheat received for testing this year.

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